

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

SUSAN ANN SANDS WEDEWARD,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

Case No. 15-cv-25-bbc

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
HILDA SILOS,

Defendant.

Plaintiff Susan Ann Sands Wedeward has filed a proposed civil complaint. Plaintiff has asked for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has supported her request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3,700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this case, plaintiff receives \$1,1151 a month in Social Security Disability benefits, which is \$18,132 annually. Plaintiff has two dependents so her adjusted annual income is

\$10,732. Plaintiff has no substantial assets. Accordingly, plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion filed by plaintiff Susan Ann Sands Wedeward for leave to proceed without prepayment of fees (Dkt. # 2) is GRANTED.
2. No further action will be taken in this case until the court has screened the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Once the screening process is complete, a separate order will issue.

Entered this 16th day of January, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

/s/
PETER OPPENEER
Magistrate Judge